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Sir:

<u>AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116</u>

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2005, in the above matter, a Notice of Appeal having been filed August 5, 2005 and the period for response having been extended up to November 5, 2005, by submission of the required petition and fee herewith. Kindly amend this application as follows.